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1. PRAVDA INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER OF POWER AND ELECTRIFICATION
NEPOROZHNIY ON DECEMBER 22 CONTAINED HIS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ACCORDING
TO PRELIMINARY DATA PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY THIS YEAR WILL BE
ABOUT 1,100 BILLION KILOWATTS" AND THAT WITH 10 DAYS REMAINING
UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, THE 1976 TARGET OF 1,095 BILLION
KILOWATTS HAD BEEN OVERFULFILLED.

2. COMMENT: THE YEAR-END PICTURE FOR FUELS, AS OF NOW, IS THAT
THE TARGETS FOR ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS WILL BE EXCEEDED
AND THOSE FOR COAL AND OIL MAY NOT BE MET.

3. AT A RECEPTION DECEMBER 6, EMBOFF ASKED MINISTRY OF POWER
OFFICIALS WHETHER APPARENT SHORTFALL IN COAL PRODUCTION THIS YEAR,
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REFTELS, WAS AFFECTING ELECTRICITY OUTPUT. THEIR RESPONSE
WAS THAT THERE ARE ALWAYS DIFFICULTIES WITH FUEL SUPPLY
FOR POWER PLANTS. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM WAS
NO WORSE THAN USUAL AND IT HAS NOT AFFECTED ELECTRICITY
OUTPUT.
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